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Letter dated 18 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit herewith resolution No. 7918 adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session of 18 August 2015, concerning developments in the situation in Libya (see annex).

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 of the resolution. The Libyan Government hopes that the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011) will respond promptly to the provisions of paragraph 6 by agreeing to the Libyan Government's requests for exemptions from the arms embargo in order to supply the Libyan Army.

Further to the League of Arab States resolution, the Libyan authorities will view any continued endeavour to prevent the Libyan Army from acquiring the weapons needed for counter-terrorism as constituting support for terrorism and for the spread of the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Al-Qaida and Ansar al-Shari'ah, as well as complicity in those organizations' crimes against the Libyan people in Sirte and other cities.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) H.E. Mr. Ibrahim O. A. **Dabbashi**
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Annex to the letter dated 18 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Dangerous developments in Libya

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having met at the level of Permanent Representatives in an extraordinary session on 18 August 2015, at the headquarters of the Secretariat of the League, under the chairmanship of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with His Excellency Mohamed El Hadi Dayri, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Libya, in attendance, and with the participation of the Permanent Representatives and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States,

Having heard the statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Libya on the escalation of the crisis in Libya owing to the ongoing barbaric violence perpetrated by the so-called Islamic State organization in the neighbourhoods of Sirte,

Expressing its strong condemnation of the savage massacres committed by gangs belonging to Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) against unarmed civilians in the streets, homes and hospitals of the Libyan city of Sirte without regard for religion or human conscience, or for children, women or the elderly,

Expressing its total solidarity with the people of Benghazi, Darnah and Sirte and with the Libyan people as a whole in confronting the terrorist organization ISIL, its savage practices and its obscurantist ideology, as well as other terrorist organizations,

Emphasizing that failing to confront ISIL and its spread in Libya would endanger neighbouring States in particular, and international and regional peace and security in general,

Reaffirming the resolutions and statements of the Council of the League of Arab States at all levels,

Decides

1. To reaffirm the need to respect Libya's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity, protect its citizens, preserve its political independence; commit to political dialogue among Libyans, renounce violence; support the ongoing political process in the city of Skhirat with the backing of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and commend the victory achieved by the revolutionaries of the Darnah uprising, with the support of the Libyan Army Air Force, against the terrorist organization ISIL;

2. To welcome the ongoing rounds of Libyan national dialogue in Geneva, in the context of the United Nations initiative and under the auspices of its envoy to Libya, Bernardino León, and to call on the Libyan parties to demonstrate flexibility, uphold the higher interests of Libya and promptly form a national consensus Government;

3. To urge Arab States, individually or collectively, to provide full support for the Libyan Government and implement the relevant Security Council resolutions, particularly paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 of resolution 2214 (2015), which calls upon

Member States to provide Libya with support in its war against terrorism, including the necessary security assistance;

4. To emphasize the need, under such difficult circumstances, for greater urgency in the prompt formulation of an Arab strategy including the provision of military assistance to Libya in combating ISIL terrorism and its spread throughout Libyan territory;

5. To call on the international community to support the Libyan Government in confronting the violations and excesses perpetrated by the terrorist organization ISIL against the innocent civilians of Sirte; and to urge the international community to put in place a comprehensive plan to combat the evil of terrorism, without limiting those efforts to a specific country, region or organization;

6. To urge the United Nations sanctions committee to respond promptly and make a determination on the urgent requests submitted by the Libyan Government to address unfolding crises;

7. To request the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution.

(Resolution No. 7918, extraordinary session, 18 August 2015)